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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, in light of the following discussions, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-9 and 11-43 are currently pending in the application. Claim 1 has been amended herewith to incorporate the subject matter of claim 10. Claim 7 has been amended to be written in independent form. Those claims were also rewritten to change the “means” limitations to limitations not interpreted under 35 U.S.C. 112, sixth paragraph. Together, those changes should place claims 1 and 7 (and all their dependent claims) in condition for allowance. Furthermore, claims 24-35 were added to parallel the dependencies of off original claim 1 but are dependent on rewritten claim 7.

Claims 16 and 19 were also rewritten to incorporate the subject matter of claim 10, thereby placing them (and their dependent claims) in condition for allowance like claim 1. Furthermore, claims 36 and 39 were added to parallel claims 16 and 19 but claims 36 and 29 include the subject matter of claim 7 thereby placing them (and their dependent claims) in condition for allowance as well.

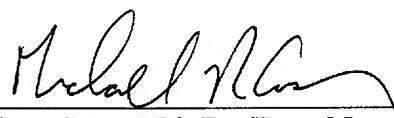
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Consequently, in view of the present amendment and in light of the above discussions, the outstanding grounds for rejection are believed to have been overcome and the pending claims are in condition for allowance. An early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

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